

Position Title: Refuge Intern (Biological)

Number of Positions: 1

Living Allowance: As a result of recent changes in FWS policy, local interns (those that have a permanent residence and live within a 50-mile radius of the refuge) are not eligible to receive a living allowance. Non-local interns are eligible for a \$215 weekly living allowance. A limited amount of housing is available and may be provided subject to availability and the particular needs and circumstances of each intern.

Location: Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Basking Ridge, NJ

Dates of Employment: On or around May 18 – September 30, 2015 (~20 weeks, 40 hours per week)

Qualifications: Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age, have the ability to work independently and as part of a team, and have good physical ability. Must have a valid driver's license and personal vehicle, though a government vehicle will be provided for official duties. Bachelor's degree (or pursuing) in biology, wildlife science, environmental resource management, or related field required. Field work experience preferred. Experience working with reptiles and amphibians (especially turtles), bats, and/or threatened & endangered species strongly desired. Experience with radio-telemetry, GPS, acoustic surveys, vegetation ID, and GIS a plus.

Duties: Intern(s) will work closely with staff and volunteers to monitor wildlife populations and manage refuge habitats. Work will include, but is not limited to, monitoring the nesting success of various turtle species, protecting turtle nests from predators, radio-tracking turtles, and participating in various wildlife surveys (frogs, bats, migratory birds, etc.). Interns also will survey for and assist in the control of invasive plant species, participate in habitat restoration projects, and assist with waterfowl banding. Must have strong communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills to ensure that assigned tasks are completed in a thorough, timely, and professional manner. Work schedule will be standard Monday through Friday 8-hours per day with Federal holidays off. Occasional weekend and evening work may be required.

How to Apply: Send letter of interest, resume, and a list of 3 references with phone numbers or e-mail addresses to the address below (e-mail preferred). For email applications, reference the position "Refuge Intern (Biological)" in the subject line of the email. Please do not apply unless you can commit for the full 20-week period.

Closing Date: January 22, 2015

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